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**Preliminary Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued
Examination under 37 CFR 1.114**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on 2/13/2006, and having a shortened statutory response period that extends through 7/13/2006 due to a petition for a two month extension filed on 6/23/2006, please continue examination under 37 CFR 1.114. Please disregard Applicant's response to the final office action mailed on 5/12/2006. Please amend the claims as hereinafter indicated and reconsider their patentability in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

The remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.